

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S561–S612

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2589–2591, and S. Res. 441–442. **Page S601**

Measures Passed:

Preserving Existing Judgeships: Senate passed S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S609**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 25, providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S609**

Congratulating New York Giants: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, congratulating the New York Giants on their victory in Super Bowl XLII. **Pages S609–11**

Commemorating A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, commemorating the life of A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. **Page S611**

Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S564**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3920, to provide procedures for compliance reviews. **Pages S564–68**

Feingold Amendment No. 3979, to provide safeguards for communications involving persons inside the United States. **Pages S568–74**

Cardin Amendment No. 3930, to modify the sunset provision. **Pages S574–77**

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3915, to place flexible limits on the use of information obtained using unlawful procedures. **Pages S577–80**

Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits. **Pages S580–96**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 5), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S581**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. **Page S612**

Appointments:

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 4, 2008, appointed Senator Pryor to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 25, 2008. **Page S612**

Farm Bill Extension Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of December 14, 2007, the Chair appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012: Senators Harkin, Leahy, Conrad, Baucus, Lincoln, Stabenow, Chambliss, Lugar, Cochran, Roberts, and Grassley. **Page S609**

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 25, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S612**

Executive Communications: **Page S601**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S601–02**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S602–07**

Additional Statements: **Pages S600–01**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S607–08**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—5) **Page S581**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S612.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On January 24, 2008, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), Kerry, Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, Carper, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Hutchison, McCain, Snowe, Smith, Ensign, Sununu, DeMint, Vitter, Thune, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Kerry, Dorgan, Pryor, Vitter, Sununu, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Cantwell (Chairman), Kerry, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Lautenberg, Carper, Klobuchar, Snowe, Smith, Sununu, DeMint, Vitter, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Lautenberg (Chairman), Rockefeller, Kerry, Dorgan, Cantwell, Pryor, Carper, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Smith, McCain, Hutchison, Snowe, DeMint, Vitter, Thune, and Wicker;

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety: Senators Pryor (Chairman), Rockefeller, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Carper, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Sununu, McCain, Snowe, Smith, Vitter, Thune, and Wicker.

Senators Inouye and Stevens are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.